

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY MAY 11, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 230 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported in the Northern Rockies Area. Four large fires were contained, two in the Northern Rockies Area, and one each in the Southern and Eastern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

LACEY GULCH, Eastern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. This fire is 12 miles southwest of Birney, MT in grass and timber. Minimal active fire was observed.

ANDERSON DRAINAGE, Southern Land Office. This fire is nine miles east of Lavina, MT in grass and Ponderosa pine. Wind-driven fire behavior was reported. An aggressive and effective suppression effort was made by engines and SEATs to protect threatened structures.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LACEY GULCH	MT	EAS	3,040	95	UNK	44	0	14	1	0	21K
ANDERSON DRAINAGE	MT	SOS	700	60	5/11	67	0	24	0	0	NR
RIMROCK	MT	CNF	650	100	---	175	6	3	3	0	500K
GRANER BOTTOMS	ND	NDS	300	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	NR

CNF = Custer National Forest

NDS = State of North Dakota

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONG JIM, Grand Canyon National Park. This fire is three miles southeast of Grand Canyon Village, AZ in timber and litter. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LONG JIM	AZ	GCP	235	80	UNK	43	1	3	1	0	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED LAKE 313	MN	RLA	2,560	100	---	11	0	0	2	0	65K

RLA = Red Lake Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLOODY BLUFF FIRE	FL	FLS	375	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	NR

FLS = Florida Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Southeastern Arizona, central and northern New Mexico.

Fire Weather Watch: For southwestern and south-central Arizona and all of southern New Mexico.

Fire Weather Watch: For Colorado below 8500 feet Tuesday for strong wind, very dry relative humidity, and very dry fuels.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure trough over the West will bring strong winds and low relative humidity across portions of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. The trough will also produce cool, wet weather across the Northern Rockies. A frontal system will bring showers to the Dakotas and Great Lakes areas while southerly flow spreads showers to the Gulf Coast states.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Morning low clouds coastal basins. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers near and east of the Sierra Crest. Otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 70 to 80 mountains. 75 to 83 valleys. 78 to 88 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	40% coastal basins and Central Sierra, otherwise 15 to 25%.	West to northwest 15 to 25 mph and gusty over the mountains and upper deserts.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Partly Cloudy with a few afternoon thunderstorms. Becoming windy.	Highs in the upper 70s and 80s eastern portions, with 60s and 70s west.	10% to 25%.	Southwest 15 to 30 mph western sections with higher gusts, and southeast 15 to 35 mph in the east.
SOUTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny to partly cloudy.	60s and 70s mountains, 70 to near 90 lower elevations.	5 to 15% northern, southeastern Arizona and much of New Mexico, 15 to 30% elsewhere.	Southwest 15 to 35 mph most areas with gusts from 40 to 60 mph. South 10 to 25 mph and gusty west Texas and far eastern New Mexico.



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IN COUNTRY NOT SEEN IN DAYLIGHT

Often firefighters arrive on a fire after dark. This is recognized as Watchout Situation #2. Before safely fighting fire in country not seen in daylight, firefighters must be able to answer the following questions:

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? Identify whom you might get information from. Can you meet up with the departing crew/engine leaders?
- Can you observe the area/use scouts? List ways you could observe the area you need to work.
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted and marked for night use? Talk about what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone; who would identify them; and in what ways might they be marked.
- Have potential dangers been located; can they be mitigated? What are the dangers associated with Watchout Situation #2? How can they be worked around?
- Reduce the risks by:
 - Posting lookouts.
 - Checking communications.
 - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or the situation becomes too complex. Give examples of arriving on a fire after dark and what was done to allow you to fight fire safely in country not seen in daylight.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES	1	3	1			2	7
	ACRES	1	1	1			5	8
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4	3	7
	ACRES					700	0	700
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					15		15
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2	6	8
	ACRES					80	2	82
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		10			1		11
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		1		83	8	121
	ACRES	2,611		10		415	25	3,061
Southern Area	FIRES					61	2	63
	ACRES					321	6	327
TOTAL	FIRES	30	4	2	0	171	23	230
	ACRES	2,612	11	11	0	1,532	38	4,204

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					53		53
	ACRES					53		53
Northwest	FIRES	32	10	8	6	77	23	156
	ACRES	561	9	13	11	112	196	902
Northern California	FIRES					338	45	383
	ACRES					427	1,244	1,671
Southern California	FIRES	6	8	1	1	669	117	802
	ACRES	645	94	1	0	28,217	1,292	30,249
Northern Rockies	FIRES	479	14	7		261	87	848
	ACRES	2,568	187	170		12,279	3,278	18,482
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	38	1	2	17	10	69
	ACRES	2	53	1	29	193	493	771
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	7		2	9	6	25
	ACRES	0	46		0	5	165	216
Southwest	FIRES	84	22	1	8	174	125	414
	ACRES	434	2,788	0	240	9,082	4,669	17,213
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	144	15	17	2	121	37	336
	ACRES	3,333	56	792	0	19,061	2,783	26,025
Eastern Area	FIRES	439		32	9	3,983	353	4,816
	ACRES	4,859		1,979	89	48,004	5,461	60,392
Southern Area	FIRES	104		34	17	19,149	483	19,787
	ACRES	15,211		4,312	518	211,828	71,310	303,179
TOTAL	FIRES	1,290	114	101	47	24,851	1,286	27,689
	ACRES	27,613	3,233	7,268	887	329,261	90,891	459,153

Nine Year Average Fires	29,465
Nine Year Average Acres	597,169

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						26	26
	ACRES						2,529	2,529
Northern California	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		10					10
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3					1	4
	ACRES	40					16	56
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				130	130
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						310	310
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		6		27	3	37
	ACRES	41		384		8,566	33	9,024
Southern Area	FIRES			3		5	6	14
	ACRES			144		9,000	5,724	14,868
TOTAL	FIRES	4	2	9	0	32	38	85
	ACRES	81	10	528	0	17,566	8,747	26,932

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1,122		1,122
Northwest	FIRES	30	73	33	0		211	347
	ACRES	4,942	6,785	3,623	30		53,876	69,256
Northern California	FIRES	14	38	8	14		159	233
	ACRES	251	722	13,575	624		19,697	34,869
Southern California	FIRES		4	3	2		69	78
	ACRES		28	332	49		6,076	6,485
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	5	43	3	30	296	390
	ACRES	947	137	5,760	1,046	1,182	40,573	49,645
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	14	3	4	15	52	89
	ACRES	149	1,869	547	62	1,474	11,558	15,659
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				4	8
	ACRES		80				71	151
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	6	8		271	312
	ACRES	2,796	4,743	519	1,727		42,863	52,648
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	34	71	16	9	110	282
	ACRES	5,117	11,220	13,503	2,969	3,226	40,040	76,075
Eastern Area	FIRES	18		232	16	547	150	963
	ACRES	11,447		32,766	3,524	52,413	26,657	126,807
Southern Area	FIRES	51		131	61	198	999	1,440
	ACRES	8,503		56,609	55,341	124,790	915,632	1,160,875
TOTAL	FIRES	183	185	530	124	801	2,321	4,144
	ACRES	34,152	25,584	127,234	65,372	184,207	1,157,043	1,593,592

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				101			101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		30					30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	30	0	101	0	0	131

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	1	0
Yukon Territory	309	1,087	309	1,087
Alberta	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territory	32	340	32	340
Saskatchewan	4	0	23	133
Manitoba	47	1,288	47	1,288
Ontario	43	0	62	63
Quebec	0	0	0	0
Newfoundland	110	297	110	297
New Brunswick	14	0	45	37
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0
Prince Edward Island	6	2,435	6	2,435
National Parks	835	6,495	837	6,496
Total	1,067	9,006	1,472	12,176

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest		1	6			1			5	
Northern California										
Southern California	2	29	12	49			1		63	115
Northern Rockies	6		17	54			9		46	38
Eastern Great Basin			1							
Western Great Basin	1		1	1					2	
Southwest			1			1				
Rocky Mountain			1	2					2	
Eastern Area					1	1			5	
Southern Area			1		1					1
Total	9	30	40	106	2	13	0	0	123	154

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